

Partly cloudy today; tomorrow cloudy, probably followed by rain. Yesterday's temperatures—Maximum, 40; minimum, 36.

NO. 2636

OFFICE HEAD AND GIRL CLERK SKIP, TAKING \$50,000

Manager of Local Branch of New York Brokerage Firm Missing Three Days. PAIR BELIEVED TOGETHER

Part of Funds Thought to Have Been Used to Straighten Out Private Account in Washington Bank.

The coffers of the Washington branch of a New York brokerage firm are short about \$50,000 this morning, and the manager and a young woman, formerly employed in the office as a confidential clerk, are missing, according to a report discussed yesterday in financial circles.

The report of the shortage managed to find its way out of Washington, however, and now the senior member of the New York firm is in the capital to investigate the disappearance of manager, clerk, and funds.

Couple Missing Three Days. What the outcome will be cannot be predicted. It is known that the head of the local office who lives in one of the capital's most fashionable apartments and hitherto has enjoyed a reputation for all that his position implied, has been missing three days. The young woman has not been seen for about the same length of time.

It is understood that both the manager and his clerk had private accounts in a Washington bank and that their last act, as far as any one here knows, was to straighten out these accounts, with the funds of the office. After that they disappeared completely, taking the remainder of the company's money with them.

May Not Reach Court. No one knows of their whereabouts now, or whether prosecution will follow their discovery. It is felt, however, that the attitude of the firm is in favor of some sort of adjustment outside the courts if that is possible.

MARYLAND OFFICIAL BURIED. Funeral Services for Charles H. Stanley Held at Laurel.

Laurel, Md., Dec. 22.—The funeral of Charles H. Stanley, former State comptroller, who died last Saturday evening at his home here, on Prince George street, took place this afternoon from St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church. The funeral services were conducted by Bishop Harding, assisted by Rev. William Taylor Snyder, both of Washington. The active pallbearers were members of the Laurel Wreath Lodge of Masons, which lodge attended the interment in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

ROAD "LAYS OFF" 6,000 MEN. Erie Says "Closing Down of Mills" Is Cause of Retrenchment.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Erie Railroad has followed the lead set by the Pennsylvania and Reading in cutting down its force as a means toward retrenching on operating expenses. Six thousand men have been laid off from the shops, maintenance of way and other departments, according to an announcement from the main office today.

"The decrease in tonnage," caused by the "closing down of mills and manufacturing at various points" is the only explanation given.

CHILD NO. 22 IS DEAD. Race Suicide Unknown in Middle-town, N. Y. Family.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Laforge, of Fair Oaks near this city are mourning the loss of their twenty-second child, which was born on Sunday.

Mr. Laforge is seventy-two years of age and his wife is forty-six. Mr. Laforge has been the father of twenty-seven children, he having been married twice and having had five children by his first wife.

Narrow Escape for Fishermen. New York, Dec. 22.—Twenty-five Hoboken fishermen and eight sailors had narrow escapes from drowning today when the fishing schooner *Beacon* was rammed and sunk, just after she left her pier, by the tug *Daniel Willard*. The crew worked valiantly to save the frightened fishermen, and the captain, the last to leave, got away just as the schooner went down.

BOY ASKS GARRISON TO GET HIM COLLIE FOR XMAS PRESENT

"Mr. Sec. of War" Replies, "If I See One Running Loose I Will Try to Get Him for You."

Any one observing a Secretary of War trying to catch a Scotch collie dog between now and Christmas will be doing a good turn by helping him. Here is the reason:

"Fordyce, Pa., Dec. 22.—"Mr. Sec. of War, Washington, D. C. "Dear Sir: Me and my little brother would like to have a dog for a Christmas present. Papa says you have plenty of war dogs. Will you send us a little pup? A Scotch collie would be best. I am 9 years old and my little brother is for, Goodbye."

"Mr. RAY G. MORRIS." "MR. RAY G. MORRIS." "The Secretary of War, Washington."

"Mr. Ray G. Morris, Fordyce, Pa. "My Dear Sir: I received your letter of December 22, 1913. Your papa told you the truth when he said I had war dogs, but he made a mistake when he said I had plenty. I have some, but none to spare, and am very sorry that I cannot send you what you ask for. Besides, there is not a Scotch collie attached to the army. If I see one running loose anywhere, I will try to catch him for you. I do hope you will get a dog somewhere for Christmas. Sincerely yours, LINDLEY M. GARRISON, "Secretary of War."

The Raleigh Hotel. Tables are now being reserved for New Year's Eve. Admission by card only. —ADV.

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ONE CENT.

PASSES STATE EXAMINATION.

Simon Tipperman Establishes Record in North Carolina.

Special to The Washington Herald. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—Simon Tipperman, of Washington, D. C., passed the rigid certified public accountant examination recently held in Raleigh, N. C., by the North Carolina State Board of Accountancy. Mr. Tipperman has established a remarkable record by completing his examination papers in less than half of the time allowed.

Mr. Tipperman is connected with the sales department of the Southern Railway.

\$30,000,000 IN NEW SECURITIES.

Southern Pacific Is Considering Sale Early in the New Year.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Southern Pacific is considering the sale of \$30,000,000 or \$20,000,000 of new securities early next year.

Whether the obligations will take the form of short term notes or convertible bonds depends upon the condition of the investment market. Proceeds from the sale will be used to take care of \$20,000,000 one-year notes falling due June 1, and improvements planned for 1914.

JOHN D. AN "IMMORTAL."

Gives People Benefit of His Great Brain, Says Admiral Thompson.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—"One hundred years hence John D. Rockefeller will be regarded as having been a typical good citizen. Unlike millionaires who spend most of their time in Europe, Rockefeller gives the people the benefit of his great brain."

So declared Admiral Robert M. Thompson, U. S. N., retired, speaking before the chamber of commerce today.

U. S. SCIENTIST MURDERED.

Prof. C. R. Robinson Killed by Natives in Philippine Islands.

Manila, P. I., Dec. 22.—The military authorities received word today that Prof. C. R. Robinson, a botanist in the bureau of science, department of the interior of the Philippine Islands, has been killed by the natives on Ambuyan Island, Malay Archipelago, where he had gone to study the flora.

INQUIRY ORDERED IN DEBTOR'S OFFICE

Senate Wants Data as to the Receipts and Disbursements.

RESOLUTION IS PASSED

Object Said to Be to Determine Income of Auditor of District Supreme Court.

Shortly before adjournment yesterday afternoon, the Senate, in executive session, adopted a resolution directing the Attorney General to secure a report of the receipts and disbursements of all moneys received by the auditor for the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and to transmit all data pertaining to these moneys under oath for use of the Senate not later than January 12, 1914.

This action became the first step toward a Senatorial investigation of the office of Auditor to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

A. Dent, with a specific view to determining that official's income and expenditures.

The resolution was submitted by Senator James K. Martin, of New Jersey. It is understood that a movement is on foot, backed by Senator Martin, to put the auditor for the District Supreme Court on the salary of \$4,500 and \$2,000 a year.

At present the auditor's income consists solely of fees paid in litigation. His duties are similar to those of a master in chancery.

Mr. Dent was appointed to the office four years ago. He succeeded Col. Payne, who had been auditor to the Supreme Court for thirty years.

Not Above \$10,000, He Says. Auditor Dent said last night his yearly income, since he had held the office, had not exceeded \$10,000. Some of the reports circulated stated that it had been as high as \$20,000 a year.

The Senate's action in adopting the resolution was a complete surprise to Mr. Dent. When informed of it over the telephone by a Washington Herald reporter, he stated that "there is nothing to investigate," and that the resolution, according to his firm conviction, was the culmination of a movement which, he said, had been carried on against him for several months past by "people who are jealous."

He added that this movement was backed by a "loan shark," against whom he had recently won a lawsuit.

During the latter part of last October, when the first complaints against the allegedly enormous income of the auditor were raised, there was considerable publicity concerning a report of his receipts and disbursements which, it was understood, he had been asked by the Supreme Court to file with that tribunal.

This report, it was learned last night, has been in the hands of the court for the last month.

Justice Wendell P. Stafford, of the District Supreme Court, when asked regarding this report last night, declined to state whether or not he had seen it.

His case, the case.

Mr. Dent, while refusing to commit himself regarding his report, told the justices of the Supreme Court, talked freely about the different "angles" of his case and asserted that "when this whole thing is sifted down to what it really is, it will be seen that some one is trying to make an elephant out of a fly."

"The action of the Senate comes as an absolute surprise to me, though I am not in the least worrying over it," he said. "Of course, I have known that there has been a certain movement going on with a view of either getting me out of my present position or cutting my income."

"My income consists of fees paid for litigations for each particular service rendered. In other words, the income from this office is purely my private income. The question as to how much I make a year depends on how hard I work."

When asked whether there was any truth in the report that he had "made" as much as \$23,000 to \$25,000 a year in fees, Mr. Dent said:

"The office is not worth more than \$10,000 a year, and my income has not exceeded the amount, while sometimes it has been less."

Currency Measure Signed By Wilson, Who Calls It "Constitution of Peace"

FOUR PENS USED IN AFFIXING HIS NAME TO BILL

Ceremony Witnessed by Senator Owen, Representative Glass, and Others.

FINAL SENATE DEBATE DEVOID OF INCIDENTS

President Wilson signed the Glass-Owen currency law at one minute after 4 o'clock last night. The measure provides for the reorganization of the currency system of the country into a system of regional reserve associations, to be controlled by a central government board at Washington, which, it is believed, will furnish a more elastic currency than is now the case and will go a long way toward the prevention of panics.

The signing of the measure marks a personal victory for the President, coming as it does, at the end of seven months of arduous labor by Congress, in the course of which members evinced much impatience at the continuance of the talks to which the President owed them. It fulfilled, also, the second chief pledge of the Democratic platform, upon which Mr. Wilson was elected.

The conference report on the bill, which was agreed to by the House Monday night, was adopted by the Senate at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, and the engrossed copy of it, bearing the signatures of Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark, was hurried to the White House.

In signing it, the President proclaimed it as "a constitution of peace" for the business interests of the country. He expressed his confidence that it will be regarded finally as the first chapter in the service by the Democratic party of the business interests, which can be served best, he said, only when a full regard is had for the interests of the country.

Even Have Been Opened. Mr. Wilson said he had been surprised at the "sudden acceptance" of the measure by public opinion everywhere. The business men, he said, have opened their eyes to find in the measure, which they supposed to be hostile, a serviceable current, and counter-current. I think that, far further in an effort to reassure the business interests with regard to the general corporation policy of the administration, he did in his recent letter to the Attorney General with regard to the telephone agreement.

The measure was signed in the executive office in the presence of Chairman Glass and Owen and members of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House and Senate, members of the Cabinet, and a gathering of others who were about to present. Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark both were absent.

The President's remarks were as follows: "I need not tell you that I feel a very deep gratification at being able to sign this bill, and I feel that I ought to express very heartily the admiration I have for the men who have made it possible for me to sign this bill. There have been enemies and counter-currents. Their children are Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Burroughs, George Schreyer, Jr., Mrs. Nellie Peters, Miss Jennie Schreyer, Mrs. Rosie Z. Bookbinder, Mrs. Margaret Holland, Charles Henry Schreyer, Leonard Schreyer, Sophie Schreyer, Warner Schreyer and Estelle Schreyer.

Mr. Schreyer was born February 25, 1864 in Baltimore County, Md., and was a resident of Washington for more than thirty years.

Mr. McCormick on Suffrage Body. New York, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Modell McCormick, of Chicago, has accepted the chairmanship of the Congressional committee of the National Suffrage Association.

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President Wilson, in Signing Currency Bill, Says It Is First of Constructive Measures; Speaker Clark Predicts Entire Satisfaction

By President Wilson.

"We owe special admiration to the patience and the leadership and the skill and the force of the chairman of the two committees, and behind them have stood the committees themselves exercising a degree of scrutiny and of careful thought in this matter which undoubtedly has redounded to the benefit of the bill itself."

"Then there came upon the heel of it this bill which furnishes the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years."

"It is so obvious that it ought not need to be stated that nothing can be good for the country which is not good for all of the country. Nothing can be for the interest of the country which is not in the interest of everybody, therefore the day of accommodation and of concession and of common understanding is the day of peace and achievement of necessity."

"It is in this spirit, therefore, that we rejoice together tonight, and I express my confidence that it will be regarded finally as the first chapter in the service by the Democratic party of the business interests, which can be served best, he said, only when a full regard is had for the interests of the country."

By Speaker Clark.

"Most assuredly the country is to be congratulated on the fact that at last the currency bill is on the statute books; for in such matters of great pith and moment it is the uncertainty that hurts even where a bill might be the sum total of human wisdom on any particular subject."

"My own judgment is that the bill will be satisfactory to the country in a very high degree—at least I hope so. The fact that a large number of Republicans and Progressives voted for our bill is proof positive that the country is well pleased with it."

"So many of them so voted that it may not improperly be denominated a non-partisan currency law."

"We certainly have ample cause for self-congratulation that in nine months we have passed a bill revising all the tariff schedules and a bill thoroughly revising and overhauling our currency system—providing bills so fair and so wise that even political partisanship gave way to such an extent that many Republicans and Progressives voted with us."

"Our two bills are excellent examples of constructive legislation. The tariff bill is working well, and now that the uncertainty as to the currency bill is removed, I hope and believe that the country is entering upon a long period of prosperity. Everybody in any way responsible for these two bills is to be congratulated on the result."

"LADY GODIVA" MUST FLEE

Missouri Woman Notified to Leave or She Will Be Killed.

Old Horton, Mo., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Parale Collins, who was horsewhipped by night riders because she refused to entertain the spectacle of Lady Godiva riding through Coventry, was notified today she must leave the community by Christmas night or she will be killed.

Members of her family are rallying to her defense and securing arms with which to repel any attempt to carry out the threat. The authorities are preparing for trouble.

MILD VERDICT FOR SLAYER.

Man Is Convicted on Assault and Battery Charge.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 22.—Judge Tennant was expected to pass sentence upon Bernard Fagan, fifty-five, today, following the return of one of the most remarkable verdicts ever rendered by a jury in a Jersey court.

Fagan confessed to the killing of eight-year-old Joseph Crowley. He told his story from the witness stand, saying he fired at a crowd of boys, fearing a bonfire they had started on a damaged some of his property. The jury found him guilty only of assault and battery.

TRAIN BLOWN UP; 150 ARE KILLED

Dynamite of Rebels Sends

Federals to Death Near Tampico.

PASSENGERS UNINJURED

Mexico City Banks Open, but Cash

Only Small Checks—Fighting Zone Quiet.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—One hundred and fifty federal soldiers were killed today when a troop train, conveying a passenger train en route to Tampico, was dynamited by the rebels at Chargas Station, a few miles east of San Luis Potosi. None of the passengers were injured, but the rebels have ordered the train to return to San Luis Potosi. The rebels are reported to have captured a number of federals.

Huerta today ordered the newspapers, La Nacion and La Tribuna, to suspend publication until further notice, in punishment for criticizing the conduct of the government.

Jorge Huerta, son of the dictator, is expected to be appointed military governor of Aguas Calientes.

Diplomats Attend Reception. Attache O'Shaughnessy and other foreign diplomats attended the reception at the palace in honor of President Huerta's patron saint day.

Rear Admiral Fletcher today reported that several airplanes had taken place between rebels and federals in the vicinity of Tampico.

The money order department of the postoffice was open for business until 11:30 o'clock this morning. All of the banks were open, but the Banco Nacional de Mexico was the only one which would cash a check of more than \$50, and the limit at this bank was 200 pesos. The Banco Nacional and the Banco de Mexico refused to accept foreign drafts for amounts larger than \$10.

Fighting Zone Quiet. Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.—A report from Tampico tonight says that absolute quiet has prevailed in the fighting zone today. Several rebel reinforcements are said to have arrived during the past twenty-four hours, and a renewal of the attack is expected hourly.

Further reports of this, the French cruiser *Conde* sailed from Tampico for Tampico. It is believed the *Conde* will be used to care for French refugees in the event of another attack on Tampico.

London, Dec. 22.—Lord Cowdray tonight issued a statement denying the report published in New York that he was to resign his position as ambassador to the United States.

He said on the condition that England be permitted to name his successor.

AUTOS AND CARS COLLIDE. Wet Streets and Slippery Tires Cause Many Accidents.

Wet streets and slippery tires combined yesterday to cause a number of automobile accidents. The automobile of Charles Javina, Center Market, skidded into a lamp-post at Tenth and H streets northwest. The car was damaged \$25.

There were three collisions between street cars and automobiles.

The delivery automobile of Julius Garbke was struck by a car at Massachusetts avenue and C street northeast. J. C. Harger, of 221 Eleventh street northwest, collided in his automobile, with a street car at New York avenue and Tenth street. A taxicab driven by R. E. Ward collided with a wagon driven by Chesley Spencer. A Government Printing Office automobile collided with a wagon at Ninth and G streets northwest.

GOETHAL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT. Canal Builder Plans to Run U. S. Vessel Through "Ditch."

New York, Dec. 22.—Panama advices here today state that consideration has been quietly given to a proposition to put the U. S. S. *Buffalo* or some other government vessel through the Panama Canal Wednesday as Col. Goethal's Christmas gift to the American people.

Record-breaking Airman Suspected. arm, Russia, Dec. 22.—Three German aeroplanes, who landed here yesterday after a long flight of 1,500 miles in eighty-seven hours, from Bitterfeld, Prussia, establishing a new long-distance balloon record, are under surveillance of the Russian military authorities today. As no photographs nor maps were found—the balloons it is not believed that the aeroplanists will be prevented from leaving the country.

"Hats Off" for St. Paul. New York, Dec. 22.—A special train of twenty-nine cars, loaded exclusively with hats, left the Lehigh Valley terminal in Jersey City for St. Paul today. The train was made up of one hat house in St. Paul, and will fill a new ten-story building. Over 200,000 hats, say nothing of caps, are so that train.

Good Order Weather. Try half peak steamed at Harvey's. Outlook is very good now.—ADV.

"WIFE OF HEART" VIEWS FUNERAL FROM HER CELL

Weeps as Last Chapter in Extraordinary Love Drama Is Enacted.

FREED OF ALL BLAME

Adelaide M. Brance, Lawyer's Recluse Affinity, Describes Her Self-denial.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 22.—As additional pages of the secret history of his life were displayed today for the inspection of neighbors who had honored and respected him, the body of Melvin H. Couch, lawyer and jurist, was borne silently through the village streets to its last resting place in Rock Ridge Cemetery.

True to him in death as she had been through life, Mrs. Couch braved a driving snow and hail storm to pay a last tribute to the father of her children. In her hour of sorrow, the grief-stricken wife was comforted by the presence of scores who, like herself, had lived in ignorance of the lawyer's strange dual personality.

Denied the privilege of attending the funeral and burial of the man for whom she had sacrificed, as a willing slave of love, the best years of her life, Miss Adelaide M. Brance, who characterized herself "his wife of the heart," viewed the cortege from a barred window of the Sullivan county jail. She wept as this last chapter in the extraordinary love drama was being enacted.

Freed of All Blame. At 2 o'clock this morning—just twelve hours before the body of Couch was lowered into his grave—Miss Brance, after a trying third degree ordeal in her cell, was vindicated of all responsibility for the death of the man she had loved. She also was freed of the technical charge of neglecting her husband, which she was at liberty to leave Monticello.

Miss Brance collapsed under the severe cross-examination, and two physicians, Drs. Currier and Cauter, and Mrs. Andrew Dunbar, who had nursed her at her bedside in the hospital ward until morning, said she was not physically able to leave the prison.

She begged Dr. Currier, a brother of Mrs. Couch, to give her sufficient poison to end her life.

"Give me poison, doctor," she pleaded. "I want to die. End my life now, or I will kill myself when I leave here. Yes, I will be on the grave of Melvin."

There is a story going the rounds in the village tonight that Miss Brance did attempt to hang herself in the hospital ward. Sheriff Kinney refuses, however, to confirm the story. Her father, "Equire" William Brance, hanged himself ten years ago in Hartwick, where Miss Brance was born. Her brother, Herbert O. Brance, is now postmaster at Hartwick.

Miss Brance today told a correspondent of The Washington Herald that Couch did not die in her arms, as has been reported. When he was stricken the woman left her prison and went to summon Dr. Currier. When she returned to the law office in the Masonic Temple, Couch had breathed his last. When Dr. Currier reached the office a

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PRESIDENT AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR THE SOUTH

White House Party Takes Special Train for Pass Christmas, Where Vacation Will Be Spent.

President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, the Misses Wilson, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, left Washington at 10:45 o'clock last night on a special train for the South. Miss Wilson will spend the ensuing fortnight, perhaps remaining until January 1.

The White House family will spend Christmas Eve on the train, as President Wilson will not be reached until early Christmas morning.

Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's physician and naval aid, and stenographer Edwin C. Brown of the White House staff, were officially connected with the party, and the three Secret Service men traveled with the executive party, as is the invariable custom. Secretary Tamm will be left at the White House to run the executive offices in the President's absence.

President Wilson expects to spend about three weeks in the South, and hopes to throw aside the cares of his office during this period. He has made no engagements to see callers at Pass Christian, and does not expect to do so. He will, however, devote some of his time to the creation of the personnel of the Federal reserve board, created by the currency measure.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF. SENATE.

By a vote of 47 to 25 accepted conference report on currency bill, the roll call being completed at 2:30 o'clock, after four and a half hours of debate. Vice President Marshall signed the bill during an executive session a few minutes after 3 o'clock.

Mr. Williams introduced bill for insurance of bank deposits. After executive session of hour the Senate adjourned at 4 o'clock until noon, January 12, 1914.

HOUSE.

At 2:30 o'clock and witnessed signing of currency bill by Speaker Clark. It adjourned until noon, January 12, 1914.

Chairman Adamson, of the Interstate Commerce Committee, offered resolution suspending operation of free toll clause in Panama Canal act until diplomatic difficulties and talks from other than American coastwise vessels shall have become sufficient to maintain the canal.

Representative Barker, of Kentucky, introduced a bill abolishing fellow servant plea of common carriers in industrial accident suits.

Postmaster General Burdick and Secretary of Agriculture Clegg asked Congress for \$2,000,000 to be expended in the fiscal year on highways used by rural mail carriers.

Speaker Clark issued statement congratulating the country on the passage of tariff and currency bills in the first nine months of Democratic rule.

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